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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Group II claims 16-23 without traverse.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected group.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No.18-0013.

Respectfully submitted,

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